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**About Shakespeare**  
Click on [this link](http://shakespeare.palomar.edu/timeline/timeline.htm) and answer the following questions (1-7).

1. Click on the link to Birth 1564 & Early Years. William Shakespeare was born in what year?

* Shakespeare was born in the year of April, 1564.

1. What date do we recognize as his birthday?

* We recognize it as April 23.

1. What was important about Stratford-upon-Avon in the 16th century?

* Stratford-upon-Avon was an important agricultural center and market town.

1. Click on the link for 1594 and find the acting companies Shakespeare was associated with in the early days. Name one.

* Lord Chamberlain’s Man.

1. Click on 1599 The Great Globe. What is the probable year that Romeo and Juliet was written?

* The probable year Romeo and Juliet was written was in 1595.

1. Scroll down to the section "Construction of the Globe," and answer these questions:
   1. Where did the timbers to build the Globe come from?

* The Timbers came from the old theater Thames.
  1. Who was the carpenter who built the Globe?
* Peter Smith was the carpenter.
  1. What was Shakespeare's share as "householder?"
* Shakespeare’s share was 10% as “householder.”

1. What day and year did Shakespeare die? Why is this an *interesting* date? How old was Shakespeare when he died?

* Shakespeare died in April 23, 1616 at age 52. It’s an interesting date because its St. George day.

**About Marriage**  
Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/9.html) and answer the next questions (8-10).

1. Romeo & Juliet marry secretly, but because she is trying to escape the arranged marriage to Paris. Read this site about marriage in Elizabethan England and answer these questions.
   1. What does betrothal mean?

* Where two people join hands, he gives her a ring to be worn on the right hand then it changes to the left at the wedding. They seal it with a kiss and signatures.
  1. Name three marriage and betrothal customs found on this page.
* The bridesmaids see to the floral decorations.
* The wedding garland should be rosemary and roses.
* The bride carries the garland until after the ceremony.
  1. What color should the bride's dress be?
* It can be any fashionable or current color and cut except white.
  1. How the intention to marry is announced? What happens if it is not announced previous to the event?
* There is no wedding invitation. People send messages to their friends and relations, and gifts are received. If the wedding is at Court, everyone is expected.
  1. Describe the wedding procession.
* The wedding procession is always a religious ceremony and the words are the same as now.
  1. What is a dowry?
* A dowry is an amount of money, goods, and property the bride brings to the marriage.

1. Explain how important is a wedding ring to the Elizabethans?

* The wedding ring is important because it symbols the willingness to marry.

**About Food**  
Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/46.html) and continue (11-13).

1. How many meals do people generally eat each day?

* People usually eat two meals a day.

1. Click [here](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/38.html). Why would people in Shakespeare's day not know what a chocolate chip cookie is?

* They wouldn’t know because The Swiss didn’t add milk to it yet.

1. Lord Capulet throws a huge party, feast and all. Imagine you are in charge of that menu. Luckily for you, today you only have to plan a menu for a small dinner party. Be sure to use only [food available in Europe](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/47.html) during this time. Choose at least two vegetables, two meats, and two fruits or nuts.

* Meats: Rabbit and Deer.
* Vegetables: Garlic and Eggplant.
* Fruits: Apples and Grapes.

**About Language**  
Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/20.html) and continue (14-16).

1. A famous line from Romeo and Juliet is when Juliet says, "Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?" What does "wherefore" mean?

* Wherefore means why.

1. What does "stay" mean?

* Stay means to wait.

1. [Click here](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/29.html) to get the information you need to translate this conversation. Put your translation in column two. Keep the phrases just about the same, but use Elizabethan words where you can. So, in other words, you rewrite the entire phrase but replace as many words as you can using Elizabethan English.

|| **Person A** || Hello. (A sneezes) Excuse me.

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| **Person B** | Gesundheit! - God Save You! |  |
| **A** | Thank you. - Gramercy, I thank thee, My thanks, God reward thee. |  |
| **B** | Say, do you know where the closest bathroom is? - Privy, Jakes, Ajax, Little room of office. |  |
| **A** | Certainly. It's down the street in the Kings Tavern. - Certes! |  |
| **B** | Thanks. Goodbye. - Gramercy, I thank thee, My thanks, God reward thee. |  |

**About Theatre in Shakespeare's Time**  
"[Actors, Acting, & Audience](http://www.uni-koeln.de/phil-fak/englisch/shakespeare/)" is the link for the next questions (16-19).

1. How many women actors did the company usually feature?

* There were no women actors.

1. Was Shakespeare an actor? What was the term used to refer to actors?

* No, he wasn’t and they were called Boy Actors.

1. How were the seating arrangements for the audience? How did one get a good seat?

* They were closed packed and no seats were reserved. You got a good seat by first come, first serve.

1. What would the audience do if they did not like a performance?

* They would pelt them with oranges.

**Shakespearean Insults**

1. Go to the [Shakespearean Insult Kit](http://www.mit.edu:8001/people/dryfoo/Funny-pages/shakespeare-insult-kit.html) and create your own insult. How you do it is to start with the word "Thou." Next, take a phrase/word from the first column to begin your insult, continue by adding something from the second column, and finish it up royally with something from the third column. Type your own personal Shakespearean insult in the table below. [Thou + choice from column 1 + choice from column 2 + choice from column 3 = your custom made insult].

* Thou bootless, flap-mouthed, apple-john.